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The recruiting of officer candidates who were directly assigned to the officer schools, and of AAA personnel for Strausberg was of special importance.

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2. In early January 1955, the recruiting quota of the KRA (district registration office) Chemnitz-Land was doubled. cadre units were still needed for the organization of "National Forces". In mid-January, the recruiting officers were ordered to contact former KVP NCOs in order to find out if they would reenlist in the KVP.

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two young men were dismissed from a VEB and 3. On 3 January, in with the advice to volunteer for the KVP. the cooperative store in Maurage They unsuccessfully tried to find employment at other VEBs. Rumors stated that the above measure will be applied to all male workers who are not yet 25 years old.

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4. On 17 January, all male SED members between 20 and 40 mears had to report to

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the SED district headquarters in Strausberg. They were ordered to attend an eight-week training with the KVF which was to begin on 2 February.

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6. In early January, the headquarters of the GST (Association for Athlesies as in Halle distributed the new training schedules for the various branche physical training. For the first time, markmanship practice was ordered to be d with all athletde brauches. A new o phy was organized at the

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7.	In <u>late December</u> , spoke rather enthusiastically of the FdJ service and stated that FdJ groups in the individual villages were provided with small-caliber rifles and trained in radio-operating. Efficient FdJ members were picked out and trained as drivers of S.K. 4 tractors in Friesack.	25X1
3.	On <u>15 January</u> , an order by the Ministry of Education was published which referred to premilitary training at all schools. Construction of obstacle courses, field training and markmanship practice of the 7th and 8th form were of special importance. The training was to begin at Eastern. Special trainings were provided during the summer vacancies.	
	Comment. The information indicates no change in the recruiting system except for an increase of pressure as reported in pagagraph 3. The short-te training of veterans, especially of former NCCs, and the increase of premil training within the GST and FdJ and at schools is indicative of a future compulsory service. It is believed, however, that details of the recruiting system for the "National Forces" have not yet been laid down. The statement by an FdJ member in paragraph 7 confirm the assumption that the younger clawill prove more receptive to Communist ideas which again will increase the efficiency of the KVP.	itery
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